Review of labour laws

3452. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour has recommended for consolidation and reduction in labour law in the country;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government propose to review the existing labour laws; and

(d) by when, Government are expecting the report of second Labour Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Review/updation of Labour Laws is a continuous process in order to make them in tune with the prevailing situation and emerging needs. Taking into consideration the emerging global economic situation and particularly after the introduction of new economic policy in 1991 by the Government of India, the need has been felt to make amendments in certain labour legislations so as to bring them in tune with the market oriented economy giving the domestic industry a level playing field to face the global competition.

(d) The Second National Commission on Labour set up to suggest rationalization of labour laws in the organised sector and an umbrella legislation for the unorganised sector, is required to submit its report by October, 2001.

Accountability of trade unions

3453. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make trade unions more accountable by enacting a legislation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any proposal from the Indian Chambers of Commerce and trade unions on labour reforms in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) Government's reaction thereto?